

TORONTO.

CANADIAN McALL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Canadian McAll Association was held Thursday, March 5th, 1896. In the afternoon there was a meeting, at a quarter to three o'clock, of the Board of Management and others, when reports of the nine auxiliaries in Canada were read. Delegates from Lindsay, Brantford, Parkdale and Toronto were present and gave accounts of the year's work in their several auxiliaries. In the evening a public meeting was held in the lecture room, Bloor St. Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. C. A. Eaton, presiding. The secretary's report was read by Mr. Joseph Henderson, and dealt with the many agencies employed by the mission to further the spread of the Gospel in France. There are about 120 stations or halls in Paris and the provinces; some of these may be closed owing to the reduced contributions from Britain, the United States and also Canada. Already there have been two or three halls in Paris taken over by the Protestant churches there. The treasurer's report was read by Mr. Paton; the total amount contributed is \$1,130, with some few amounts yet to be received.

The following gentlemen, Rev. Dr. Parsons, Rev. Prof. Reynor, N. W. Hoyle, Q.C., and the Rev. Principal Caven then addressed the meeting, most of them speaking from a personal knowledge of the work, having, during visits to Paris, attended service in some halls, and met Dr. McAll, Mr. Greig and others engaged in the mission. During the evening the Rev. Arthur McAlpine sang.

The following officers and Board of Management were appointed:—Hon. president, Mrs. Ed. Blake; president, Mrs. D. J. Cowan; vice-presidents, Mrs. G. M. Wrong, Mrs. Owen, and the presidents of the auxiliaries; secretary, Miss McCarty, 263 Jarvis St.; treasurer, Miss Caven, 76 Spadina Road. Board of Management—Mrs. John Kerr, Mrs. Jas. Campbell, Mrs. C. C. Dalton, Mrs. J. D. Nasmith, Mrs. J. L. Brodie, Mrs. Jas. Stark, Mrs. L. H. Jordan, Mrs. L. H. Rand, Miss M. Wilkes, Miss Parsons; Leaflet secretary, Miss Copp.

HUMANE SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Humane Society was well attended by members and friends interested. The public are cordially invited to be present at these meetings, held in the office, 103 Bay Street, the last Thursday of the month, at 4 o'clock. The humane officer has been kept quite busy looking after the various cases of cruelty reported. Thirty-three complaints were received and investigated, eleven of which were brought into court and disposed of by the presiding magistrate, also twenty persons cautioned against using lame and worn-out horses. Three cats were rescued from the top of telegraph poles, after considerable trouble, also the cattle markets and slaughter houses thoroughly inspected. Favourable reports have been received from the various Bands of Mercy. The children of St. Olaves Band of Mercy (Swansea), gave an entertainment on Tuesday evening which reflects great credit on Mrs. and Miss Softley, who interest themselves in training the little ones in kindness to dumb animals. The programme consisted of Band of Mercy songs, recitations and dialogues and was creditably carried out and appreciated by the audience present.

The annual meeting of the Humane Society will be held in the Art Gallery, King Street West, on the evening of Thursday, May 21st, when we hope to welcome a large number of friends and workers in the humane cause and listen to short talks from several prominent gentlemen interested in the work of kindness to dumb creatures.

WOMAN'S WORK DEPOSITORY.

The Toronto Woman's Work Depository, whose purpose is too well known to need comment, is busy with spring orders for ladies' blouses, children's frocks and fine sewing. Fortunately for the success of the institution there are still many ladies who prefer that their sewing should be handsomely and finely finished, and the Depository are thus able to give work to many needy gentlewomen who wish to add to limited resources in a quiet way.

The Depository shows some exquisite things that come into their hands for private sale. A set of old Dutch buckles and pins of filagree silver, brought over from Holland, has recently been placed in their hands; a fine lace shawl or drape; and a superb fan, to which we refer in "Notes and Comments" (page 2).

The Depository receives orders for preserved fruits, charging 8 cents per pound above the cost of material. The fruit is excellently prepared, either in cans or as jams and jellies, by good housekeepers. Ladies who are going out of town for the summer, can leave their orders and find their fruit ready upon returning in the autumn. Much dainty work is shown in china painting, embroideries, laces and all the pretty devices of art needlework, while frequently one may pick up a dainty novelty—the pro-

duct of some ingenious woman's fingers and brain that is well-worth the purchase. Over 2,000 women are given some measure of employment in their homes by the Depository, which is essentially a benevolent institution.

The suggestion that a ladies tea-room be attached to the Depository is urged upon the Managing Board for consideration.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL MUSICAL CLUB.

This club holds its meetings every Tuesday fortnight during the season from October to May. There have been given this year thirteen afternoon concerts. At each performance the works of one or more of the great composers are presented, and the members, both performers and listeners, thus become familiar with good examples of the different masters' styles. Mozart, Haydn, Schumann, Schubert, Beethoven, Gluck, Rossini, Gade, Grieg have all been represented in this season's work. In addition to the performance, vocal and instrumental, of works, papers on musical forms and analyses have been given. This club is only open to members and does not give public performances, but on the two visitors' days members were given extra tickets of admission for their friends.

The club has for its members women devoted to music, who hope by sincere and earnest study to promote a knowledge and love of the best in music in themselves and also to extend it to others. The club has been invited on several occasions to contribute to the enjoyment of others, and has given entertainments to the Girls' Club, the Good Will Club and the Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Society of Point St. Charles. Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen is a patroness of the society, and honoured it by attending one of its concerts last season.

The president is Mrs. McKee, corresponding secretary Mrs. Granger, recording secretary Miss Georgina Hunter.

SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE ART.

The Montreal Society of Decorative Art reports gradual but steady progress in its work, which is of a two-fold character, to encourage a higher standard of decorative work in our homes and to furnish a channel by which ladies who are forced by circumstances to turn their accomplishments to practical account can dispose of their work without publicity. It has been in existence seventeen years, and those engaged in the work and best qualified to judge feel that its help is a boon to many women who are making a brave struggle for independence. More than one hundred contributors have been benefited during the past year. Boxes of commenced work are sent to all parts of the Dominion with satisfactory results, so that places which have no society of the kind are enabled to get the newest ideas and designs for their work. Classes under efficient superintendence have been maintained during the year. Members pay an annual subscription of five dollars and are allowed the privilege of entering work for sale subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of ten ladies who meet every Monday morning to examine and accept or reject articles submitted to them, but this season a stock of commenced work is being prepared for sale at the summer resorts.

I. E. HILL, Secretary.

GIRLS' CLUB AND LUNCH ROOM.

The monthly meeting of this club took place on Saturday, April 4th. Reports from the treasurer and manager showed an increase in numbers and income over the month of March, 1895. The average daily attendance to meals, though not as high as during some busy midwinter or midsummer months, has been 95. The committee reported at length on the addition and extension being made to the club domains and work. The new lunch room will be ready for occupation in the course of a few days, and it is expected that an immediate increase in attendance will ensue. The Bible Class has been changed into a King's Daughters' Society to the satisfaction of all the members. Other classes have been temporarily discontinued.

HELEN R. Y. REID, Secretary

QUEBEC.

W.C.T.U.

Since last report we have had our annual meeting and re-elected the same hon. president, Mrs. Middleton; president, Mrs. Geggie; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. Jackson, 68½ Richelieu Street; recording secretary, Miss Darlington; treasurer, Miss Ross.

Mr. Moore, of England, has addressed our Band of Hope; Rev. J. H. Hector (the Black Knight) has given four addresses to large audiences, and now we are to have Mrs. Hidden, of Vancouver, next week.

We have for the first time since affiliating read a report of our work at the annual meeting of the Women's Council, presided over by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen.

An ineffectual, because tardy, protest was made against the issuing of six special licenses for liqueur selling during carnival week, and against demoralising cheap shows.

In connection with a social evening given by the Y.M.C.A. to the Battery from the Citadel and the short course men, our members furnished and served refreshments to the guests, numbering about 150.

LONDON.

THE WOMAN'S MORNING MUSIC CLUB.

This popular club is just closing its second season, and it is gratifying to feel (equally with the first season) that the objects of the club have been carried out "faithfully and well." The highest class of music has been performed throughout the season just closing. We have again endeavoured to carry out the programmes with exactness in every detail. Sometimes difficulties will rise up, viz., non-arrival of music performers, incapacitated through illness. In spite, however, of these occasional drawbacks, the Woman's Morning Music Club has bravely weathered all storms and can only be congratulated upon its work.

Last season the works of over one hundred composers were given, and this season about the same number. A very delightful addition to the club this winter has been the ladies' orchestra.

MARY WELCH, Secretary.

HAMILTON.

DUFFIELD FLOWER MISSION.

The winter's work being over, the members of the mission congratulate themselves on a satisfactory and encouraging six months' campaign. One hundred and fifty books have been added to the lending library, 168 dozen oranges and thirty large boxes of flowers have been donated to the patients, besides over 150 jars of jelly personally donated by members. We start the summer season with \$72 in our treasury. The boxes we have placed on leading thoroughfares have been well filled with reading matter, which has given great pleasure to the convalescents. As we look back and think of the many sufferers whose sad lot has been made brighter by our efforts, we feel encouraged to commence our summer's work with fresh zeal, and strive harder to take some outside brightness and love into the lives of the suffering poor.

FIDELE H. HOLLAND.

HALIFAX.

SOCIETY PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

A meeting of the ladies' auxiliary of the S. P. C. was held at Government House April 7th. The main business was the awarding of prizes to the children who had recently won them. Hon. Mrs. Montgomery-Moore was to have made the presentations, but was absent owing to the illness of the general. The duty accordingly devolved on J. C. Mackintosh, president of the parent society. In doing so, Mr. Mackintosh made an appropriate address. The report of the judges who made the awards was read, as follows:—

"The task of the judges in the prize competition given by the ladies' auxiliary of the S. P. C. has been a pleasant, but arduous one. Sixty-five essays were received and carefully read. Too much cannot be said of the careful manner in which the young people prepared these pages for this inspection. Correct spelling and neat handwriting characterised the majority of the compositions sent in, while the work of the advanced pupils evinced the care which the teachers had bestowed on the too often neglected branch of essay writing. The papers, while widely differing in their subjects, were bright and attractive, and all the young writers proved themselves to be possessed of a kindly interest in dumb animals."

S. F. ALLISON, Secretary.

It is evident that the American Tire Co., is on the crested wave of popularity with the tire they have introduced to the trade this year, namely, the Res-Flex. Owing to the rush for tires they have been compelled to put in machinery to assist them in turning their goods out more rapidly. It is not often that a new article is seized upon with such avidity by the public, and it simply goes to show that the Res-Flex must be all the makers claim for it, and they certainly claim a great deal, namely, lightness, strength, speed and durability.